

the Legion of Merit, the Army Achievement Medal 2nd Award, the Army Good Conduct 2nd Award, and the South Carolina Palmetto Service Ribbon, among many others. For his service abroad, he received the Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Mr. Frazier was a man of faith and a lifelong member of Emmanuel AME Church in his hometown of Cope, South Carolina. He was an active participant in the church, serving at various times as a Class Leader, Choir Member, President of the Sunday School Department, and Financial Administrator. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 42 years, Helen "Judy" Frazier, as well as their 3 children, Shenika Frederick, CoSaundra Rivers, Arthur "AJ" Frazier, Jr., and 5 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in recognizing the highly decorated life of service led by Mr. Arthur W. Frazier. He served his country with dignity and pride for over 4 decades. He will be sorely missed and well-remembered.

HONORING LARRY NESS ON HIS BANKING CAREER OF MORE THAN 50 YEARS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Larry Ness on his banking career of more than 50 years in South Dakota.

As CEO of First Dakota National Bank in Yankton, South Dakota, Larry helped the company rebound once he joined over 40 years ago. Prior to working with First Dakota National Bank, Larry was a bank examiner at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Over the last 40 years, Larry and his wife Diane have dedicated an incredible amount of time, talent, and treasure to Yankton and the whole state of South Dakota. They have been among the very best citizens and community members I've ever met. Larry's leadership has left a legacy in the state of South Dakota and we are grateful for his service.

I wish him all the best in his retirement and as he continues to serve as Chairman of the Board for First Dakota National Bank.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SCIO

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Town of Scio in Allegany County, New York.

The Town of Scio was named after the Greek Island of Scio in the Aegean Sea because in 1820, the western world was horrified by the slaying of Christians on the island. The founding fathers of the town were so moved by a speech given by Daniel Webster honoring the Christians that died and wanted to

name the town Scio in memoriam. The Town of Scio was first settled at the mouth of Knight Creek and was a crucial community to the building of the Erie railroad.

Whether they are lifelong residents or new in town, the citizens of Scio love their town. A tight knit community of only 1,625, the neighbors in this town look out for each other.

Two hundred years as a community and a town is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Town of Scio for withstanding the tests of time and look forward to many more years of Scio providing a welcoming community for our friends, neighbors and visitors.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the Town of Scio's 200th anniversary.

HONORING KAREN REINER

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Karen Reiner, who is being honored as the 2023 Citizen of the Year for Moorestown, New Jersey. This year's award recognizes a Moorestown resident who has positively impacted the quality of life for everyone in our community.

Karen's family raised her to have a deep sense of service and to look out for her surrounding community. This upbringing spurred her desire to always emulate the values she learned growing up—involvement, kindness, and service. She has dedicated her life to partnering with those in the community to create programs and environments where people know they can feel safe and respected.

Karen both co-founded and served as President of MooreUnity, a non-profit civic group centered on promoting inclusion within the community. Through her work building bridges across divides, MooreUnity has continued to support local efforts to root out prejudice and discrimination. Hosting about ten programs every year, MooreUnity provides discussion panels and workshops to learn about the damaging impact of discrimination as well as to teach people about how understanding and acceptance can bring people together in the face of injustice and hate. Karen has even helped children learn to interact with their peers as well and how to stand up to bullying and prejudice they experience or see thrust at others.

In addition to MooreUnity, Karen is also working to heal political divides within our community. Through the Moorestown Braver Angel Alliance, she has hosted multiple workshops with Republicans and Democrats to learn and implement techniques to communicate effectively and civilly despite different political beliefs. As a co-founder and active member of the Moorestown Directory Group, Karen also works to bring people together from different walks of service including nonprofits, people interested and active in civic engagement, and religious groups to name a few.

Beyond this work and these organizations, Karen also finds time to for local community service. She has served as a Girl Scout Troop leader and previously led an effort to place

five kindness benches at each of the local elementary schools in Moorestown as well as the Jeff Young Park. Karen also works with numerous organizations centered on gun violence prevention including Sandy Hook Promise and Moms Demand Action.

For years across multiple sectors, Karen has made Moorestown a better place and has been an example for so many in the volunteer community. Described as an inspiration, I am proud to congratulate Karen for winning the 2023 Citizen of the Year for Moorestown, New Jersey and thank her for her continued service to our community.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNUAL NORWEGIAN RECIPROCAL TROOPS EXCHANGE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th annual Norwegian Reciprocal Troops Exchange between the Minnesota National Guard and the Norwegian Home Guard. Known as NOREX, this annual exchange between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Norway is the world's longest-running military partnership, an enduring tradition which continues to strengthen the bonds between our two countries. Not only is this anniversary a cause for celebration, but it is particularly fitting that it occur as the Minnesota National Guard and the Norwegian Home Guard prepare to formalize this friendship as official partners in the National Guard State Partnership Program.

This month, more than one hundred Soldiers and Airmen of the Minnesota National Guard will travel to Norway and conduct winter operations training with the Norwegian Home Guard, known as Heimevernet. This unique training opportunity takes place over five days in Norway's countryside and includes skiing techniques, avalanche training, emergency food rationing, bivouac routines, constructing a lean-to, and building and lighting a fire. Meanwhile, members of the Norwegian Home Guard will travel to Camp Ripley in Minnesota, to learn joint domestic response exercises with local law enforcement.

In addition to military training, our Soldiers and Airmen will participate in cultural exchanges by spending a weekend with Norwegian host families and visiting cultural sites. Similarly, the visiting Norwegian troops will enjoy American cultural experiences such as attending a Minnesota Wild hockey game, visiting the Mall of America, enjoying walleye at a local VFW fish fry, and being the guests of honor at an official dinner hosted by the Saint Paul-based civic organization Serving Our Troops.

Of course, it is especially fitting that the Minnesota National Guard participate in this exchange. Thousands of immigrants from Norway came to Minnesota during the 1800s. Today, over 850,000 Minnesotans claim Norwegian ancestry—myself included. Minnesota has more Norwegian-Americans than any other state and these Minnesotans keep alive many proud traditions passed down from their Nordic ancestors. In Congress, I have been proud to honor Norwegian-American heritage

as a co-chair of the Friends of Norway Caucus.

Additionally, as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense in the 117th Congress, I had the incredible privilege last year to travel to Norway to meet with senior leadership of the Norwegian Armed Forces and conduct oversight on prepositioned stocks of U.S. military equipment in country. As Vladimir Putin continues his unprovoked, unjust, and illegal invasion of Ukraine, it is more important than ever that the United States stand in support of our democratic allies. That includes those with geographic vulnerabilities to Russian aggression, like Norway.

Formalizing the Minnesota National Guard's relationship with Norway through the State Partnership Program will serve to strengthen Norway's military readiness in the face of the Russian threat. And the continuation of NOREX will enhance our own military readiness and further cooperation between the United States and a key NATO ally, all while promoting goodwill and mutual respect between our nations.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of this special military and cultural partnership with a traditional Nordic salute: Skol.

RECOGNIZING THE JANUARY CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Myrone "Bruce" Gaffney as my January Constituent of the Month. Bruce is a retired veteran who served in the United States Army for 17 years.

Bruce began serving in the United States Army in 1998. In 2013, while serving in Afghanistan, Bruce sustained an injury to his spine. He spent the next two years in rehabilitation at Walter Reed Medical Center, but his injury has made him one hundred percent disabled. Since 2015, Bruce has been on Social Security—a lifeline for him and so many others across the country.

I am proud to honor Mvrone "Bruce" Gaffney as my Constituent of the Month and announce that he will be my guest to the 2023 State of the Union. It is an honor to represent veterans in my district, and Bruce exemplifies the bravery, perseverance, and dedication that makes our community an amazing place to live. His injury has not stopped him from going above and beyond to enrich our community. In his free time, he has served on my Congressional Service Academy Panel that helps me select the next generation of men and women to attend our esteemed military service academies.

As Republicans discuss cutting Americans' hard-earned Social Security benefits, such as those Bruce relies on, I'm proud to highlight Bruce as one of my constituents whose life would drastically be affected if benefits were slashed. His expansive military background, resilience, and service to our Nation and district make me proud to honor Myrone "Bruce" Gaffney as my January Constituent of the Month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I briefly stepped out for personal reasons and was unable to make it back to the floor in time to vote on this bill. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 93.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on roll call No. 41.

RECOGNIZING MR. NORM PETERSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the illustrious career of Mr. Norman "Norm" D. Peterson upon his retirement from Argonne National Laboratory. Norm has been a leader in the science, technology, and innovation realm for over 35 years, and it has been an honor to learn from and, at times, work alongside his expertise. Norm's commitment to the scientific enterprise of this nation and the policymakers who shape its work will have a lasting impact into the future. Please help me celebrate this remarkable servant of the public interest and wish him well as he embarks upon this next chapter.

Early in his career, Norm Peterson was identified as a skilled leader in the science, technology, and economic development issues. Upon the creation of the Illinois Governor's Commission on Science and Technology, Norm was selected to become its first Executive Director. In this role, he oversaw the commission's creation and administration of a technology-oriented economic development program. This comprehensive plan incorporated technology transfer projects at universities and national laboratories and investment fund allocations to support the development of start-up, technology-driven businesses, showcasing Norm's extensive knowledge of science, technology, and economic development.

Norm's career at Argonne National Laboratory began in 1987. Though the laboratory had been operational for many years prior, its scope vastly expanded over the past 35 years, with Norm playing a crucial role in cultivating Argonne's reputation of excellence during this time. Argonne National Laboratory is now one of the U.S. Department of Energy's largest national laboratories for science and engineering research, housing over 1,250 scientists and engineers working to solve our nation's most pressing challenges in energy, the environment, and national security.

The expertise that Norm brought to his work led him to become the Director of Government Affairs for Argonne, a role that he crafted himself to maximize the efforts of the lab moving into the 21st century. His skill was heavily leaned upon as Argonne directed the construction of 3 major national user facilities—the Advanced Photon Source, Argonne Leadership Computing Facility, and Center for Nanoscale Materials. In addition, he was instrumental in launching the Guest House as the first state-funded building in the national lab complex and in his work helping plan the Joint Center for Energy Storage Research and the Q-NEXT quantum center.

Stakeholders from across the country recognize Norm as a valuable resource to science and technology research efforts, earning him membership on several boards and advisory groups. He earned a place on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Urban Technology, the University of Puerto Rico Center for Advanced Nanoscale Materials External Advisory Board, and the Northern Illinois University Research Foundation Board, among others. In addition to his professional contributions, he is also a dedicated servant to youth in his community, by previously serving on the Board of Directors for the Youth Campus, providing residential and community based social services to abused and neglected children.

In his retirement, Norm and his beloved partner, Lori Clark, are eager to enjoy international travel and spend more time with his daughter, Erika Peterson, and granddaughter, Emma. The couple intends on remaining in the Chicago area as they enter the next chapter of Norm's prolific life, and despite his retirement, I am certain that we will hear more from him in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate my friend and mentor, Mr. Norman D. Peterson, for his incredible contributions toward scientific and technological advancement in our nation. Colleagues, please join me in celebrating Norm Peterson and wishing him well as he transitions into his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROYAL PRESTON AS THE OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Royal Preston as the Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year. For several years, Mr. Preston has served Okaloosa Technical College with talent, passion, and an unwavering commitment to good education.

Northwest Florida is fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the country. The teaching profession is one of the most challenging yet rewarding professions in existence. Mr. Preston has performed his teaching duties exceptionally while also being an active and supportive member of his community.

Mr. Preston's support and outreach extend far beyond the walls of his classroom through his active involvement in his school and community. Mr. Preston worked as a building contractor, building over 200 houses and commercial projects. While Teaching Building Trades